

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1214

Introduced by Assembly Member Wyland

February 22, 2005

An act to add Section 51210.3 to the Education Code, relating to instruction.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1214, as introduced, Wyland. Instruction: science.

(1) Existing law requires the adopted courses of study for grades 1 to 6, inclusive, to include, among other courses, a course in science, as specified.

This bill would require the governing board of a school district to designate a credentialed science teacher as a science resource teacher for each elementary school, to coordinate and provide instruction in an experimental science curriculum, as specified, and mentor other teachers in the provision of that curriculum, thus imposing a state-mandated local program.

(2) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 51210.3 is added to the Education Code,
2 to read:

3 51210.3. (a) The governing board of a school district shall
4 designate a credentialed science teacher as a science resource
5 teacher for each elementary school.

6 (b) The science resource teacher shall do all of the following:

7 (1) Coordinate and provide instruction in an experimental
8 science curriculum. The curriculum shall follow the
9 recommendation of the National Science Foundation of
10 employing scientific experimentation as a method of teaching
11 science. The curriculum shall be designed to develop all of the
12 following:

13 (A) Mathematics skills.

14 (B) Language arts skills.

15 (C) Graphics skills.

16 (D) Analytical and intellectual skills required to pose and
17 answer questions.

18 (2) Mentor other teachers in the provision of an experimental
19 science curriculum.

20 SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that
21 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to
22 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made
23 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
24 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.